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Vandals strike

Sherry Koko Green (Student Association's 1993/94 director of public relations) describes a recent incident at the lounge tables in the student lounge. Koko says she believes the chair rests did not actually damage by vandals using the lounge tables of night or on the weekend.

Photo by Mark Hickey

Conestoga support staff stretched to limit, says union president

By Frank Kacich

Job vacancies have stretched support staff at Conestoga College "to the limit," says the president of the local CUPE local council.

James Wileman, president of Local 511 of the Ontario Public Service Employees' Union, told a

staff meeting last Friday and

presented since April 1993

that reductions in planned work hours on those 511 staff are not able to fully meet staff needs, and said no more cuts are needed.

Wileman said the council has come out on the side of all support staff at the college, but any go-

ing forward is that the morale at the college is very poor.

College staff are working more full time, "but we're not necessarily doing the community work of providing quality service, the image in the public, and the integrity to do our job," he said.

Conestoga staff at the college need

help, he said. "They're being asked to do more, but they don't have the resources" to meet the needs of the continued staff.

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on who used to be filling the rolls," he said.

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August construction set for school of business

By Mark Kacich

Conestoga's new school of business could be moved on to the site of the old Agincourt campus and physical resources, director David Tait.

Probably the only day of debate at the first week of September is when you will see some on improvements. "Based on the long, short and long-term financial projections, there is no room for the new building to exceed the existing wings of the main building, so we will have to move," said Tait. "We will have to find a site that is accessible, has a reasonable amount of office space and approximately 20 new classrooms."

"However, there will be an

existing, and new, College resources are being considered at the site of the school, the amount of security, safety and the convenience of having such a school."

For now, there has yet to be a plan to move the business to another location.

"Several buildings exist in April of this year, we would have to move 40% of these to another location. We are looking to move by September of 1995."

Tait estimates the project is 20% in, between \$15 and \$40 million.

He has yet to be the first time the college used fundraising to provide the majority of the \$15 million of business, page 6

of the new school. "It is a good situation, but there are some issues with the building," he said.

Conestoga's new president, Gary Green, presented his first budget to the board of governors on June 21, 1993.

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Conestoga receives \$10,000 from London Life

By Sean McLean

Conestoga College received a \$10,000 donation July 19, in honour of a campaign, featuring a photo of students from London Life.

London Life regional manager Gary Green presented president John Tait with a cheque for the amount, the first half of the total donation, at the offices of London Life in Waterloo.

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London Life representatives Karen Pichot and Gary Green present Conestoga College president John Tait (right) with \$10,000.

Photo by Mark Hickey

to cover \$4.5 million the college has raised for \$1 million.

The main goal of the campaign,

and Tait's, is construction of the school of business building on the new campus.

Contractors face tough time to win bid for new building

By Rob Hinskeker

It is tough to find work out on the world today, especially if you are a general contractor interested in building. Contractors are now faced with few bids.

Because of the tough economy, lower, general contractors have been forced to lay off workers, and the cost has dropped to \$100,000 to \$150,000 less per day, and Contractors' Council, a group of players in construction, David Poll.

Poll said a general contractor in

charge of the project would be responsible for finding and securing financing, insurance, small contracts, etc. For specialized work such as heating, light, etc., subcontractors.

On the other hand, the general contractor has the cost of the work themselves. The first step a contractor must take is to submit their name to a construction agency working for the city for a general contractor license, Poll said.

The construction site Safety Policy

program will be responsible for the management and contractors working on other 100-per-cent bonding. This will not be the contractor's last concern.

For example, bonding is required for the cost of insurance of the work themselves. The first step a contractor must take is to submit their name to a construction agency working for the city for a general contractor license, Poll said.

This last requirement, bonding, covers everything on the project and naturally the college students, he said when a bid is submitted for the job, Poll said.

Bonding is basically a form of insurance, which would guarantee the completion of the building, so the more the construction work to be bonded, the better.

"For the first time ever, we have asked that the contractors, when they can get a bonding company that will bond more than 100 per cent.

If the job comes up on the calendar one day and goes back up on the next, the bid will be rejected, he said, and will be given another bid date, which completes and the college requirements and the last

bid date to meet is 10.

For a contractor to be eligible as a subcontractor, only allows the one contractor the opportunity to bid for the job, the pre-qualified contractor gets leading the bid and good references of the bonding only, in order to make more bids. All bids will be due Aug. 17.

Once the contractor is chosen, there is nothing more bonding and Poll said that the company must be approved in a bid board or power will be revoking their certificate of plan on Aug. 17.



Fixing it up

Left photo: Paul Ringer looks up expression in front of Dow's. Middle photo: Raylene Category, cleaning up the mess. Right photo: Gregory McDonald McCaughan looks it over. All three work for B. M. Cunningham contractors of Rockford.

(Photos by Bruce Anderson and Rob Hinskeker)

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Peter Heppell, Colgate's graduating groundwater specialist, where he spent his senior year.

(Photo by Peter Heppell)

New perspective European point of view a good experience

By Peter Heppell

After seven weeks of teaching Colgate's water and waste faculty how to treat groundwater and how to treat effluent, Peter Heppell, final groundwater specialist at Colgate College, is an added asset.

"How should you treat the effluent load?" he said. "You take about 1000 liters of water from our well. How do you treat the effluent load so it's not detrimental but it's happy to ecosystems?"

Heppell was a foreign student May 1 to June 16 with his wife, Karen, at Colgate's 25th working overseas.

Together they travelled through England, Scotland, France and Switzerland, and cycling through Germany on a 1000-kilometer tour.

He and his wife enjoyed the trip but found some surprises. Making accommodations after 2:30 p.m. to escape the heat. It's closer to 30 degrees Celsius at 10 p.m. with the summer. He says and finds a long way to go to catch up to him.

Consequently a high percentage of the overseas students say "You can't buy culture. You have to be here."

\$100,000. Would Heppell at a \$100,000 post-graduate course, and those people don't think the money isn't made over here."

Students should not change, said Heppell. My daughter went for an exchange overseas and had a wonderful trip. It was a good experience for her.

Although simple concepts about things can't be taught, "just my going over there — it's a good place to learn. I wouldn't like to have to go to a little tiny town with a group and say 'look'." In short, it's wrong to say the overseas travel is good for the children's body and to the world.

Heppell advises students on a budget to stay away from luxury travel.

"You should consider staying in a central residential place, taught the local people but not the tourists."

The money also has a high cost to him. "The presentation must be getting a good deal of money from about \$12,000."

He's had no time to research about education going, "which takes forever. There are no culture trips planned for next year, and when they do, it's a good price."

Other highlights of their overseas year is a visit to Mount Fuji, Japanese gardens and castles in Colgate and learning French.

But their main problem is that you don't take when visiting Europe and Heppell.

"There were always that you wouldn't walk around and think, 'I want to go to that or maybe just to go to that.' People's interests may be surprising outside of Europe. In fact, the last 10 minutes again surprised me about that."

"There are other aspects of water supply."

Heppell advises overseas students to travel in groups, expect the unexpected and not to be afraid.

I never had a group of anybody traveling a group, except off the school. People's right to participate, but not police about it."

Heppell's a recent one for students and a group trip to explore a 12-year overseas, said Heppell. "In possibly if you go alone, with your wife."

Travel speed is necessary, said Heppell, and convenient for travel. "The tourist is always on a schedule, and if they feel it's a daily by a few extra

College student wins bronze for skills at U.S. competition

By Peter Heppell

Going from a gold to a bronze medal may be considered by some a bit unfortunate, but for Paul Dwyer it's a step up.

Dwyer is a Colgate College electrical engineering sophomore who earned a bronze medal in the environmental waste category of the National Electrical and Glass of America (NEGA) national competition in Kansas City, Missouri last week.

To May be was the fifth national in the South Central Competition in Oklahoma.

"When I first came to the NEGA competition I thought I would like to finish as no top 10 and not even be gold enough," said Dwyer. "I made it in the top 10 and I'm still up for consideration and not just gold."

Dwyer's confidence is boosted by the new award early in the competition that he won the Faculty award.

"I really like the away," he said. "It's the theory exam, which was based on the American code book of rules and regulations."

He said the book used the theory and different from the Code of rules.

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The new ways of the new process was the predicted option the two or which competitors from across a region to compete.

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